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This communication is in response to the Applicant's status inquiry regarding the Applicant's Appeal Brief and refund for extension of time fees.

The Office received the Applicant's Appeal Brief on April 4, 2003. The Appeal Brief is currently being processed, and Applicant should expect a formal response from the Examiner, in the form of an Examiner's Answer, by early July.

In addition, the Examiner has been informed that the Applicant's refund has been processed as RAM Refund 125884 and was approved on May 30, 2003. Applicant should receive a check no later than June 20th. At that time, if Applicant still has not received the check or if there are additional problems regarding the refund, Applicant should direct any further inquiries to:

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